

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please be advised that we had amended the terms of "the weeds" as "weeds" in Claim 2, and the term of "usage" as "use" in Claim 5 in our previous response dated October 25, 2002. Therefore, please correct the relevant errors at present. Further, for saving your time, we still provide this amendment according to the text in your Amendment and Request for Reconsideration filed on February 26, 2003.

Claim 1 (currently amended) A sowing method of plant seeds, comprising steps of:

a) providing a thin base with water-absorbing ability, humidity-maintaining ability, and natural decomposing ability, wherein said thin base comprising a plurality of concavities with a specific distance interval;

b) inlaying said plant seeds in said plurality of concavities of said thin base and covering said plant seeds with a securing layer; and

c) covering a cultivating material with said thin base, wherein each concavity has a void therein for allowing a radicle of a corresponding plant seed to pierce therethrough and be rooted in said cultivating material while said corresponding plant seed is germinating.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said thin base comprises light-blocking material for preventing the weeds from growing.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said thin base is selected from a group consisting of a mulching paper, a fabric, a fiber and a naturally decomposable polymer.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said thin base is a thin layer having a thickness range from 0.2 mm to 0.3 mm.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein each of said ~~plural~~ plurality of concavities is arranged in said thin base with a said specific distance interval for effectively increasing the uniformity of nutrition absorption and the ~~usage~~ use of growth space of said plant seeds.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said securing layer is used to fix said plant seeds in said ~~plural~~ plurality of concavities of said thin base so as to induce said radicles of said plant seeds to be rooted in said cultivating material

and increase ~~water-absorbing~~ humidity-maintaining ability of said ~~radicles of thin base~~ said plant seed correspondingly.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein said securing layer is selected from a group consisting of a toilet paper and a paper-made towel.

Claim 8 (previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein said securing layer is attached to said thin base for securing said plant seeds by using an adhesive material.

Claim 9 (previously presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein said adhesive material is glue adapted to be uniformly sprayed on said thin base for attaching said securing layer to said thin base to fix said plant seeds.

Claim 10 (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said plant seeds are selected from a group consisting of the seeds of a cereal, a vegetable, a flower, a tree and a fruit.

Claim 11 (currently amended) A thin base with water-absorbing ability, humidity-maintaining ability and natural decomposing ability for use in sowing plant seeds to cover a cultivating material therewith comprises a plurality of concavities with a specific distance interval for allowing said plant seeds to be inlaid therein, wherein each concavity has a void therein for allowing a radicle of a corresponding plant seed to pierce therethrough and be rooted in said cultivating material while a plant seed is germinating.

Claim 12 (previously presented) The thin base according to claim 11, wherein said thin base comprises light-blocking material for preventing weeds from growing.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The thin base according to claim 11, wherein said thin base is selected from a group consisting of a mulching paper, a fabric, a fiber and a naturally decomposable polymer.

Claim 14 (currently amended) The thin base according to claim 11, wherein said thin base is a thin layer having a thickness range from 0.2 mm to 0.3 mm.

Claim 15 (currently amended) A mulching paper with natural decomposing ability for use in sowing plant seeds to cover a cultivating material therewith comprising a plurality of concavities with a specific distance interval for allowing said plant seeds to be inlaid therein, wherein each concavity has a void therein for allowing a radicle of a corresponding plant seed to pierce therethrough and be rooted in said cultivating material while said corresponding plant seed is germinating.